

**GARRISON ART CENTER'S**  
**Mentor Program**  
AN INDEPENDENT STUDY IN THE ARTS  
presented annually, since 1988

Program Description:

The **MENTOR PROGRAM** was established as a means to encourage and guide high school age students in the production and presentation of a unique project. This program is for students who are ready to handle more responsibility and complete an independent study project. The Art Center invites participation of students from Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Rockland and Dutchess counties.

After an initial interview for entry into the **MENTOR PROGRAM**, the student is linked with a professional artist/mentor in a specific field of study. All disciplines may be considered (visual, performing, literary or applied and design arts) but if we are unable to locate a mentor for a particular art form, students should be prepared to adjust their request. The mentor meets one-on-one with the student for a minimum of five or as often as agreed upon in the nine-week program. The mentors volunteer their time and expertise to guide and support students in the development of a project idea for exhibition. *It is the responsibility of the student to provide transportation to their mentor.* Meetings may take place at the mentor's studio, business, a library, or at the Art Center. Each year's program culminates in an exhibition of students' works in the galleries of Garrison Art Center. Performance pieces are presented at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, adjacent to our building.

The **MENTOR PROGRAM** makes a valuable contribution to the creative futures of local youth and to the vitality of the community. The **MENTOR PROGRAM** runs annually during the winter/spring semesters of the school year. It is available to a limited number of students. This year's program begins in January and ends in late March.

**Applications are due by November 21, 2008.** Applications are reviewed and each applicant will be contacted to verify their intent and ability to commit to finishing their project. There will be a mandatory general information meeting on **Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at the Art Center from **6-7:30PM** to initiate the program for students, mentors and parents. Individual mentor/student work sessions will begin by January, 2009.